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READER.—Lift up your hearts !

FAMILY.—*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

A PREPARATORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking : we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CONFESSION.

(The family joining.)

O MERCIFUL God !—Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—Maker of all things—Judge of all men ;—we humbly and unfeignedly confess our manifold sins and wickedness,—which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed—by thought, word and deed—against thy Divine Majesty—most earnestly beseeching thee to confirm and accept our sincere repentance—for all our past sins, negligences and ignorances—that they may be freely pardoned by thy mercy—and entirely done away—through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A SUPPLICATION FOR PARDON.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thy good providence to watch over our safety during the night, and to conduct us to the beginning of a new day; enliven it, we beseech thee with the comforts of health, peace, and innocence, and grant that we may ever seriously, and thankfully, remember the numberless blessings, which, day by day, thou sheddest upon us; and that, as thy loving kindness is renewed to us every minute of our lives, even so our love of thee, and our obedience to thy holy will may be steadfast and constant, and may daily increase, to the setting forth of thy glory, and to the attainment of our everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON SUNDAYS. ON OTHER DAYS.

O GOD, the creator and redeemer of all mankind, by whose ordinance this day is appointed to be kept holy; suffer not the world by its allurements, either of pleasure, or of interest, to draw us away from thy public service, or to possess our thoughts, whilst we praise thee with our lips: but enable us to make thee a true and acceptable sacrifice of our hearts, and to cleanse them of all pride, envy, malice, and resentment, and of all other passions and lusts, which war against the soul. May it please thee, who art the source of all wisdom, to bless the means of instruction, which thy goodness affordeth us, that we may become wise unto salvation.

Grant

O LORD our God, we, thy weak and sinful creatures, most humbly intreat thy Fatherly goodness, to assist and strengthen our endeavours for the faithful discharge of those duties, to which thy providence calleth us. Suffer us not at any time to forget that strict and solemn account, which we must one day give before the Judgment Seat of Christ. Mercifully grant us grace and strength to resist the desires and inclinations

Grant such a measure of thy grace to the Ministers of the Gospel, that they may lead the prayers of thy church with humility and devotion, explain thy blessed word with clearness and faithfulness, and enforce the practice of all Christian duties, without respect of persons. Make them examples of every virtue to thy flock: bless all their labours for the edification and salvation of the souls committed to their charge: maintain in our hearts the esteem and reverence due to their sacred and important office, and let not their imperfections and failings so dwell on the minds of their hearers, as to prevent the good effect of their doctrine; but rather grant, that, being firmly united by mutual forbearance and Christian charity, we may worthily present ourselves before thee our gracious Father, through the merits and intercession of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.—Amen.

tions of our own hearts, and the suggestions, persuasions or commands of other men, whensoever they shall be contrary to thy laws. And as we are now going forth to exercise ourselves in the several employments, which thy providence hath allotted us; enable us, O Lord, so innocently to maintain our necessary connection with the world, that neither its temptations, nor its sorrows, its business, nor its pleasures, shall make us unmindful of those everlasting enjoyments, for which this mortal life is designed to prepare us, by the faith and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.—Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY.

O GOD, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord; we beseech thee to be present with thy grace amongst us of this family; [**that those who govern it may remember that they also have a master in Heaven with whom is no respect of persons: and that such as are bound to obey may perform their duty, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ.*] Grant us of thy goodness all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies; assist us in all diffi-

* This clause may be omitted in those small families to whose circumstances it shall appear unsuitable; observing however that it may be used with as much propriety, when the family consists of parents, or other grown persons and children, as where there are masters and servants.

culties: protect us in all dangers, whether temporal, or spiritual: comfort and support us under every distress with which it shall please thee in thy wisdom and mercy to visit us; and enable us so to live together here, that we may hereafter be received into the fellowship of thy saints, in that kingdom, which thou, our Heavenly Father, hast prepared for us, from the beginning of the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Advocate. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

(The family joining.)

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR DEVOTION.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS.

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A CONFESSION.

(The family joining.)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father:—we praise and magnify thy holy name,—for all the blessings which we have this day received from thine infinite goodness:—we do also acknowledge and confess,—with shame and contrition of heart,—that we have made ourselves unworthy of all these thy favours,—that we have left undone what we ought to have done,—that we have done many of those things which thou hast forbidden—that we have offended against thy Divine Majesty by thought, word, and deed,—and that we deserve to feel the weight of thy displeasure.—But deal not thou with us, O Lord, after our sins—neither reward us after our iniquities.—Spare us, we beseech thee, most merciful Father,—enter not into judgement with thy servants—but for thy dear Son's sake, forgive us all that is past—and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ON SUNDAYS.

O GOD, who desirest not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live, we thine unworthy servants most humbly offer to thy Divine Majesty our praises and thanksgiving for the means of grace which thou hast this day vouchsafed to afford us. O Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him, or the son of man, that thou so regardest him! May it please thee, gracious God, to engrave deeply in our hearts that which we have this day been taught from thy holy word, and to make it effectual for the confirmation of our faith, and the amendment of our lives. Vouchsafe, O Lord, so to preserve this good seed, by the influence of thy blessed spirit, that, when we return to our worldly business, the cares, the concerns, and the pleasures of this life may not prevent that growth of religion and virtue, which, without thy fostering grace, cannot bring forth the fruits of righteousness and true holiness. Forgive, O most merciful Father, the negligence, the coldness, the absences, the many imperfections of our worship. We confess and bewail them with penitent hearts, acknowledging that we have given thee sufficient provocation to take thy Holy Spirit from us, and to withdraw that blessing which we have so often received with indifference. But we beseech thee, O Lord, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt never inflict upon us so dreadful a punishment. Unless thou
continueth

ON OTHER DAYS.

N. B. *The two following prayers may be omitted on Sundays, provided the whole family has attended the public service of the Church.*

A PRAYER FOR THE KING, QUEEN AND ROYAL FAMILY.

O LORD God, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, we beseech thee to save and defend our most excellent Sovereign Lord, King George, our Gracious Queen Charlotte, and all the Royal Family. Guard them, we pray thee, by the protection of thine infinite power; lead them by thy Holy Spirit, and finally bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL ESTATES OF MEN IN THIS UNITED KINGDOM.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee so to bless all ranks and conditions of our fellow subjects in this kingdom, that both those who are entrusted with authority, either in Church or State, and they who live under

continuest to shew us the way of life, we must inevitably perish. Let, therefore, thy word be still a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Mercifully accept the prayers and praises, which have been this day offered unto thee, throughout the Christian world. Enlarge the kingdom of thy blessed Son, and enable all its members, by true faith in his merits, and hearty obedience to his commands, to obtain that everlasting happiness, which he hath purchased by his precious blood. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of him, who thus saved and redeemed us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

under their government, may, each in his station, and to the utmost of his power, labour truly and faithfully, for the advancement of thy glory and of true religion; for the maintenance of our laws and constitution, for the defence of property, and for the preservation of public peace and tranquillity; that, under thy divine protection, we may serve thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.— Amen.

A PRAYER FOR RELATIONS, BENEFAC- TORS, AND FRIENDS.

O GOD, from whom all good gifts do come, we humbly intreat thee to send thy blessing upon our relations, benefactors, and friends. May it please thee so to dispose our hearts, that we may acknowledge with thankfulness the favours which we receive at their hands, and also make them due returns, whenever opportunity shall be given us. Suffer us not, O Lord, to abuse these, or any of thy mercies, but grant that we may chiefly praise thee, the author and giver of all our happiness; so that, in whatever station thy providence hath placed us, we may therewith be content; and that whilst we study to promote the temporal welfare of our friends, we may ever be most mindful of their and our everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N. B. *When any member of the family is afflicted with sickness let the Collect No. LXXVII, be used in this place, and as soon as such member can join the worship of the family after recovery, use the Collect No. LXXVIII, to which it would also be very proper and edifying that the recovered person should add the Collect, No. LXXX, openly recited by him or herself; but this should be left to the discretion of the party.*

A GENERAL PRAYER FOR ALL MANKIND.

O GOD, our creator and preserver; extend thy compassion to the whole race of mankind! May it please thee graciously to remember the work of thine hands! Pity and dispel the ignorance of the nations, to whom thy blessed Gospel hath not yet been preached; open the eyes of those, amongst whom it hath been corrupted by the traditions of men. Grant that we, who enjoy it in its purity, may study it as we ought, and shew its wholesome influence on our life and conversation. Heal all the unhappy divisions of Christianity, and give us a spirit of charity and forbearance towards those who differ from us in religious opinions.—Withdraw, O merciful God, thine indignation from that ancient people, whom thou didst once choose to be thine own inheritance; restore to the unity of thy Church those, who have at any time, or under any pretence, forsaken its communion; and so vouchsafe to fetch all wanderers home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be made one fold under one Shepherd, even Jesus Christ thy Son, whom in great mercy thou didst send to seek and to save that which was lost. We also most humbly commend to thee, O Heavenly Father, the cause of the widows, of the fatherless, of the oppressed, and, in general, of all the afflicted, whether in mind, body, or estate. Hear thou their cry, let their supplication come unto thee; and till the time is fulfilled, which thy wisdom hath appointed for their deliverance, be thou their support under all their tribulations. These and all other mercies, we beseech thee to grant us for the merits, and by the intercession, of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING INVOCATION.

O GOD, from whom ariseth light in the darknes, grant to us thy humble servants that peace which the world cannot give, and such necessary rest, as may enable us to perform those duties, which the next day shall require of us. Preserve us from all accidents, and when it shall please thy good providence to take us hence, admit us, O Heavenly Father, to the enjoyment of that rest, which remaineth for thy people, by the faith, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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THE BLESSING.

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The following Psalms are selected for the use of those who wish to add Psalmody to their Prayers.

PSALMS FOR THE MORNING.

I.

AWAKE my glory, harp and lute,
No longer let your strings be mute;
And I, my tuneful part to take,
Will with the early dawn awake.

O God, my heart is fixt, 'tis bent,
Its morning tribute to present,
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise
To thee, my God, in songs of praise.

Thy

Thy praises, Lord, will I resound
 To all the list'ning nations round.
 Thy mercy highest heav'ns transcends.
 Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

Be thou, O God, exalted high;
 And, as thy glory fills the sky,
 So let it be on earth display'd,
 Till thou art here, as there, obey'd.

II.

How good and pleasant must it be
 To thank the Lord most high!
 And with repeated hymns of praise
 His name to magnify.

With ev'ry morning's early dawn
 His goodness to relate;
 And of his constant truth each night
 The glad effects repeat.

For thro' thy wond'rous works, O Lord,
 Thou mak'st my heart rejoice;
 The thoughts of them shall make me glad,
 And shout with cheerful voice.

III.

To thee with never ceasing praise,
 O God, my strength, I'll sing:
 Thou art my God, the rock from whence
 My health and safety spring.

On thee I wait, 'tis on thy strength
 For succour I depend:
 'Tis thou, O God, art my defence,
 Who only can'st defend.

Whilst early I thy mercy sing,
 Thy wond'rous pow'r confess:
 For thou hast been my sure defence,
 My refuge in distress.

IV.

Lord, hear my supplicating voice;
 Accept my secret pray'r;
 To thee alone, my King, my God,
 Will I for help repair.

Thou

Thou in the morn my voice shalt hear;
And with the dawning day
To thee devoutly I'll look up,
To thee devoutly pray.

To righteous men the righteous Lord
His blessings will extend,
And with his favour all his Saints
As with a shield defend.

V.

Lord, hear my pray'r, and to my cry
Thy wonted audience lend:
In thy accustom'd faith and truth
A gracious answer send.

Nor at thy strict tribunal bring
Thy servant to be try'd:
For in thy sight no living man
Can e'er be justify'd.

Thy kindness early let me hear,
Whose trust on thee depends;
Teach me the way where I shall go;
My soul to thee ascends.

I call to mind the days of old,
And wonders thou hast wrought:
My former dangers and escapes
Employ my musing thought.

To thee my hands in humble pray'r
I fervently stretch out;
My soul for thy refreshment thirsts,
Like land oppress'd with drougth.

Thou art my God, thy righteous will
Instruct me to obey:
Let thy good spirit lead and keep
My soul in thy right way.

PSALMS FOR THE EVENING.

I.

My life, while I that life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ,
With lifted hands adore his name:

My

My soul's content shall be as great
As their's who choicest dainties eat,
While I with joy his praise proclaim.

When down I lie sweet sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my mind,
And when I wake in dead of night;
Because thou still dost succour bring,
Beneath the shadow of thy wing
I rest with safety and delight.

II.

Consider, that the righteous man
Is God's peculiar choice;
And when to him I make my pray'r,
He always hears my voice.

Then stand in awe of his commands,
Flee ev'ry thing that's ill;
Commune in private with your hearts,
And bend them to his will.

The place of other sacrifice
Let righteousness supply;
And let your hope, securely fixt,
On God alone rely.

While worldly minds impatient grow
More prosp'rous times to see,
Still let the glories of thy face
Shine brightly, Lord, on me.

So shall my heart o'erflow with joy
More lasting and more true,
Than their's, who stores of corn and wine
Successively renew.

Then down in peace I'll lay my head,
And take my needful rest;
No other guard, O Lord, I crave,
Of thy defence possess.

III.

The heav'ns declare thy glory, Lord,
Which that alone can fill;
The firmament and stars express
Their great creator's skill.

The dawn of each returning day
 Fresh beams of knowledge brings,
 From darkest night's successive rounds
 Divine instruction springs.

Their pow'rful language to no realm
 Or region is confined:
 'Tis nature's voice, and understood
 Alike by all mankind.

Their doctrine does its sacred sense
 Thro' earth's extent display:
 Whose bright contents the circling fun
 Does round the world convey.

From east to west, from west to east
 His restless course he goes;
 And thro' his progress cheerful light
 And vital warmth bestows.

IV.

Lord, let me know my term of days,
 How soon my life will end;
 The num'rous train of ills disclose,
 Which this frail state attend.

My life, thou know'st, is but a span,
 A cypher sums my years:
 And ev'ry man, in best estate,
 But vanity appears.

Man like a shadow vainly walks,
 With fruitless cares oppress'd;
 He heaps up wealth, but cannot tell
 By whom 'twill be possess'd.

Why then should I on worthless toys
 With anxious care attend?
 On thee alone my steadfast hope
 Shall ever, Lord, depend.

O spare me yet a little time,
 My wasted strength restore;
 Before I vanish quite from hence,
 And shall be seen no more.

V.

Thou, Lord, by strictest search hast known
 My rising-up and lying-down;

My

My secret thoughts are known to thee,
Known long before conceiv'd by me.

Thine eye my bed and path surveys,
My public haunts and private ways;
Thou know'st what 'tis my lips would vent,
My yet unutter'd words' intent.

Surrounded by thy power I stand,
On every side I find thy hand:
O skill for human reach too high!
Too dazzling bright for mortal eye!

O could I so perfidious be,
To think of once deserting thee!
Where, Lord, could I thy influence shun,
Or whither from thy presence run?

If up to Heav'n I take my flight,
'Tis there thou dwell'st enthron'd in light:
Or dive to Hell's infernal plains,
'Tis there Almighty vengeance reigns:

If I the morning's wing could gain,
And fly beyond the western main,
Thy swifter hand would first arrive,
And there arrest thy fugitive.

Or should I try to shun thy sight
Beneath the sable wings of night;
One glance from thee, one piercing ray,
Would kindle darkness into day.

The veil of night is no disguise,
No screen from thy all-searching eyes:
Thro' midnight shades thou find'st thy way
As in the blazing noon of day.

Thou know'st the texture of my heart,
My reins and ev'ry vital part;
Each single thread in nature's loom
By thee was cover'd in the womb.

I'll praise thee, from whose hands I came,
A work of such a curious frame:
The wonders thou in me hast shown,
My soul with grateful joy must own.

MORNING

MORNING PRAYER.

(For a Person in Private)

A PREPARATORY PRAYER.

GRACIOUS God, by whose mercy, I, thine unworthy servant, am permitted to present my humble supplications before thee; vouchsafe me the help of thy holy Spirit, to fix my wandering mind, to moderate my desire of temporal things, and to inspire me with serious thoughts and heavenly affections; so that the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, may be always acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our strength, and our redeemer. Amen.

MORNING THANKSGIVING AND
CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, accept, I beseech thee, the tribute of my imperfect praises and thanksgivings, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to me, and to all men; for the great benefit of having had my birth and education in a country, where thy blessed Gospel is received in its purity; and for the means of grace, and the glorious hope of immortality therein vouchsafed to me. Blessed be the watchful care of thy good providence, by which I have hitherto been preserved amidst all the dangers and changes of this frail and uncertain life, and am now safely brought to the beginning of this day. Surrounded by all these mercies, O Lord, I look back, with humility and deep contrition, on the great number of my former days, which have been past in careless inattention, consumed in vain and idle pleasures, engrossed by the too eager pursuit of the things of this world, or perverted to sinful and wicked purposes. Enable me, O my God, to be more and more convinced of the folly and ingratitude of such conduct, and so carefully to redeem the time to come, that, when time shall be no more, I may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR GRACE TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF YOUR STATION.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; blessed be thy holy name for the comforts and enjoyments of that state of life, to which it hath pleased thee to call me ; assist me by thy grace to be truly thankful for them, and ready to resign any, or all of them, whenever thou shalt require it. ~~Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.~~

ON SUNDAYS.

BUT, whatever temporal advantages thy allwise providence may bestow on me, or remove from me ; continue, I beseech thee, and multiply to me the means of grace and salvation, which by thy fatherly kindness I now enjoy ; and on this good day, devoted to thy service, make me wholly thine. Suffer no worldly thoughts or cares to withdraw my attention from the prayers and praises, in which I am called to unite with thy holy church, or from the admonitions and exhortations of thy Ministers. Sanctify their labours to the salvation of all that hear them ; and on every description and rebuke of folly and vice, give me grace to search my own heart, and carefully to examine my life and actions ; and preserve me from rash application to my neighbours, and from uncharitable censures on their principles or conduct, knowing that to thee alone it appertains to judge, acquit, or condemn them. Yet may it please thee

ON OTHER DAYS.

VOUCHSAFE thy blessing on my honest endeavours to fulfil the duties of my vocation ; that neither the hurry of business, nor the allurements of pleasure, nor the maxims, customs or examples of a degenerate and corrupted world may ever banish from my mind the awful sense of thy continual presence, or make me to forget thy everlasting judgements. Incline my heart to thy commandments, and not to covetousness, and ^{and} uphold my steps in the ways of honesty and justice, that I may not only abstain from those invasions of my neighbour's rights or property, which human laws can punish ; but sincerely detest and abhor all advantages which might be taken of other men's ignorance or necessities. And grant that I may punctually and conscientiously render to every one what he may justly claim from me, whether it be my labour,

thee gracious Father, to give me a lively concern and active love for all my brethren, so that according to the ability which thou givest, I may zealously and joyfully improve every opportunity of becoming an instrument in thy hand for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those who dwell with me; of those with whom thou hast connected me by the ties of family, friendship, or mutual benefit; and generally of all, who may at any time stand in need of my advice, assistance, or service; that having by thy grace humbly endeavoured to follow the blessed steps of him, who went about doing good, I may be admitted to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom, by the merits and mediation of the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CONCLUSION.

BE pleased, O Lord, graciously to receive the weak and imperfect homage of my praise and adoration, mercifully to forgive the defects of my worship, and so to dispose the way of thy servant towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, I may ever be defended by thy most powerful and ready help: and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me and with all men, now, henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

(For a Person in Private)

A PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O GOD, who art ever more ready to hear than men are to pray, send, I beseech thee, thy holy Spirit to assist my infirmities, that I may be made deeply sensible of my real wants, and be encouraged to look up to thy mercy alone for the supply of them; and whatsoever from my ignorance I cannot, or from my unworthiness I dare not, ask, vouchsafe, of thy bounty to grant it me, for the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A CONFESSION.

O ALMIGHTY Father, may it please thee mercifully to receive thy penitent servant, who humbly rejoiceth in the privilege of returning to thee, from the cares, the business, and vanities of this anxious and uncertain life. Many there are that say, who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon me, and vouchsafe to grant me thy favour, which is better than life. I acknowledge it to be of thy special grace and mercy, that thou sufferest me not to live in a total forgetfulness of thee, and in an entire disregard of my duty; but that thou hast given me an hearty desire to humble myself before thee, and daily to implore thy mercy and forgiveness, thy favour and assistance. Accept the feeble testimony of my gratitude for thy gracious protection; look down, O Lord, with compassion on the errors, omissions, and actual sins, of which I have this day been guilty, and pardon them for the all-prevailing merits of my blessed Redeemer. If in any thing I have successfully endeavoured to obey thy commandments, accept, O Lord, thine own gift; for it is thou who workest in us both to will and to do, according to thy good pleasure: confirm and strengthen every good resolution, which thou hast enabled me to make; and grant that thy grace may not be bestowed upon me in vain; but that heartily repenting of my manifold transgressions, and utterly forsaking all evil ways, I may work out my own salvation, in thy fear, and to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ON SUNDAYS.

O GOD, by whose gracious favour I have been admitted into the communion of thy holy Church, which hath been this day united in the public sacrifice of praise and adoration; make me truly thankful for this inestimable privilege, and suffer me not to forget or neglect the conditions on which I was made a member of Christ, a child of God, and an heir of everlasting life. Bless the good seed of thy word, which hath been this day sown in my heart, so that it may bring forth abundantly the fruits of righteousness and true holiness. Graciously accept my prayers and praises, and those of all thy faithful people, and mercifully pardon the wanderings and other defects of our worship. Extend the borders of thy kingdom, and grant that the lives of all those, who are admitted into the fellowship of thy Son's religion, may manifest the faith that is in them. Restore that faith to its original purity, wheresoever it hath been corrupted by the traditions of men. Bring back to thy fold all those who have wandered from it. Lead all Christians in the way of truth: unite them in the bond of peace: endue them with righteousness of life; and from thy kingdom of Grace upon earth exalt them, in thine

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ON OTHER DAYS.

If you have attended the public Service, the following Prayers may, on Sundays, be omitted.

ALMIGHTY God, king of all kings, and supreme governor of all the nations upon earth; continue the gracious protection, by which thou hast so long, and so signally, distinguished that empire under which I have the happiness to live. Guide, bless, and preserve, our most excellent sovereign Lord King George, our gracious Queen Charlotte, and all the Royal Family; and enable them to perpetuate, from generation to generation, that love of thee, that zeal for thy true religion, and that tender and anxious regard for the public good, which are the truest and firmest pledges for the security of all the blessings we enjoy under the happy constitution of our Church and State. Grant me due gratitude for my share in these benefits. Preserve me from envying, or vainly and unjustly censuring, those whom thy Providence hath appointed to higher stations, and so direct their counsels and prosper their labours for the service of their king and country, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be for ever established amongst us, and that our prosperity, and the use we shall make of it, may be such as shall openly declare us to be a people

own good time, to thy kingdom of Glory, in Heaven, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

people, who have the Lord for their God. Grant us these mercies, I most humbly beseech thee, for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR RELATIONS, BENEFAC- TORS, AND FRIENDS.

O GOD of all mercies, who makest men to be of one mind in an house, send, I pray thee, thy blessing upon all my relations, benefactors, and friends; particularly upon all the members of the family inhabiting this house. May it please thee to prosper our endeavours for each other's comfort and happiness, that, by the delightful exercise of mutual charity and good-will here on earth, we may be prepared for the blessed mansions of peace and joy, in which thy saints shall reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

O LORD and heavenly Father, let thine abundant kindness be shewed to all mankind; and as thou hast never left thyself without witness towards any of the nations upon earth; so may it please thee to perfect the work which thou hast begun, and to enable all men to make a right use of thy great and manifold blessings. Instruct the ignorant, convince them that are in error, and convert the wicked. I humbly commend to thine infinite goodness all that are afflicted in mind, body, or estate, particularly the widows, the fatherless, the sick, the captive, the needy, and the oppressed: give them all patience and resignation under their sufferings, and, when thou seekest fit, a happy issue out of all their troubles. Grant this, I beseech thee, for thine only Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PROTECTION AND REST.

TO thy gracious Providence, O God, I commend the keeping of my soul and body during this night. Grant me such rest as shall enable me to serve thee in such a manner as thou shalt require; and when the time of my trial is spent,
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admit me, O heavenly Father, to the everlasting rest and happiness of thy Saints in Heaven, through the mediation of my Redeemer and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUSION.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me and all mankind, now, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

A COLLECTION OF

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

Principally taken from the COLLECTS, and other Parts of the
LITURGY of the

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

(No. I.)—AFFLICTIONS.

For Deliverance from, and Support under, Afflictions.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(II.)

O Lord, we beseech thee, favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(III.)

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing we do; mercifully grant, that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(IV.)

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(V.)—CHARITY.

O Lord, who hast taught us, that all our doings, without Charity, are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues; without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(VI.)—CHRIST.

Prayers for the Imitation of Christ.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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(VII.)

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(VIII.)

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following his steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(IX.)—CHURCH.

For the Universal Church.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(X.)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(XI.)

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelists, give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XII.)

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy church; that being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostles and Evangelists, we may so walk in the

light of thy truth, that we may at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XIII.)

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they, who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(XIV.)

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(XV.)

For the Unity of the Church.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XVI.)

For the Peace of the Church.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XVII.)

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy church: and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XVIII.)

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that, through thy protection, it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMFORT.

(XIX.)—COMFORT.

For spiritual Comfort.

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XX.)—CONTRITION.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXI.)—COVETOUSNESS.

Against Covetousness.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son hast given us access to thy heavenly treasures; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XXII.)—DEFECTS.

For excusing the Defects of our Prayers.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXIII.)—DIRECTION.

For Direction and Success in all our Undertakings.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help;
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that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXIV.)

For success in any particular undertaking.

Almighty God, the giver of all good things, without whose help all labour is ineffectual, and without whose grace all wisdom is folly; grant, I beseech thee, that in this undertaking, thy Holy Spirit may not be withheld from me, but that I may hereby promote thy glory, and the salvation of myself and others: grant this, O Lord, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

(XXV.)

For the Direction of the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(XXVI.)

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXVII.)—ENEMIES.

For Deliverance from our Enemies.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants; and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXVIII.)

For Peace and Protection from our Enemies.

O God, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God,

(XXIX.)

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

(XXX.)—FAITH.

For a right and a firm Faith.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

(XXXI.)

Almighty and everlasting God, who, for the more confirmation of the faith, didst for a while suffer some of thy holy Apostles to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be re-proved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

(XXXII.)

For Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXXIII.)—FORGIVENESS.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are
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grieved and wearied with the burthen of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy: to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXXIV.)—GRACE.

For grace and assistance in our Christian Course.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory world without end. Amen.

(XXXV.)

Almighty God, who, through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires; so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(XXXVI.)—FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON
THE HARVEST.

O Lord, our Governor, just and terrible in thy judgments, but abundant in loving-kindness and mercy, who, after thou hadst brought destruction on the old world for the wickedness of them that dwelt therein, didst graciously promise that while the earth should remain, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, should not cease: we, thy humble servants, acknowledge and adore thy fatherly goodness in that (abundant) provision for our wants, which at this time covereth the earth. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be the praise, for thy loving mercy
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and for thy truth's sake. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Thou feedest the fowls of the air, though they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. With equal wisdom and goodness thou hast appointed, that the skill and labour of man shall be the means of his sustenance. Suffer him not to forget, that he is only the instrument in thy hand for his own good; that thy bounty giveth seed to the sower, skill to the husbandman, diligence to the labourer, and strength to the cattle; and prepareth the earth by seasonable weather. All these, O Father of mercies, are thy unmerited gifts; and blessed be thy holy name for them. We humbly beseech thee to crown the year with the same goodness, which hath brought our food to maturity, by allowing us a favourable opportunity of gathering it for our use. Let not our iniquities turn away these things, nor our sins withhold good things from us. Above all, we pray thee, that, while we diligently endeavour, in our respective callings, to procure for ourselves and our families that food which is necessary for our support here on earth, we may always remember that it is our duty to labour, not so much for the meat which perisheth, as for that which endureth unto everlasting life: and grant us grace so to prepare our hearts for the reception of the seed of thy word, that it may abundantly bring forth in us the fruit of good works, to the honour and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXXVII.)—THANKSGIVING AFTER
HARVEST.

ALMIGHTY God, by the blessing of whose gracious providence, the fruits of the earth are now safely lodged in the possession of man, grant us grace to praise thee with thankful hearts for this thy goodness, and to devote to thy glory and service that life and strength which this bountiful provision is made to sustain. Imprint deeply on our hearts the awful and important lesson of our dependence upon thee. The variations of weather and seasons have from time to time brought this home to our thoughts, but it hath frequently vanished from our remembrance, as soon as the cloud which caused our apprehensions passed away, or the storms that threatened our fields abated their fury. And we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that our gratitude may not only be durable, but may produce suitable effects on our conduct: that to this end thou wouldst grant to all ranks and conditions

conditions of men, grace, and wisdom to apply these thy gifts to their proper uses. Let thy good spirit incline the hearts of the rich to consider, that as they depend upon thee, so thy allwise decrees have placed many of their fellow creatures in a state of dependence upon them: and may they duly remember and practise the important duties of thy stewards and representatives. Banish all covetousness and immoderate love of gain from the minds of those who possess the stores of thy bounty; that contenting themselves with a just recompense of their labour, they may not for wicked purposes interrupt the free and regular circulation of the necessities of life. Grant, O merciful God, that our unruly appetites and passions may be so governed by the influence of thy grace, that in plentiful seasons we may not be puffed up with insolence, and contract wasteful and extravagant habits, nor in times of scarcity presume to arraign the justice of thy severer dispensations. Give us the spirit of meekness, that we may never be tempted to increase and embitter the chastisement of thy fatherly hand, either by uncharitableness, oppression, or greediness of gain, or by disturbing the public tranquillity by acts of violence and tumult. Teach us both in prosperity and adversity, to look up to thee as unto a gracious Father, who will in the end make all things work together for good to them that love him. And may we so manage and divide our portion in this life, that without falling out with our brethren by the way, we may proceed in all godly quietness and peace to the attainment of that heavenly inheritance, which thou reservest for them, who by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honour, and immortality, through the merits of our only Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

(XXXVIII.)

Grace.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XXXIX.)

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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(XL.)

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh, that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XLI.)—HEAVEN.

For heavenly Desires.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XLII.)

For the Enjoyment of God in Heaven.

O God, who, by the leading of a star, didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XLIII.)

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the Devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(XLIV.)—HYMN OF THE ANGELS.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the

the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(XLV.)—ILLUMINATION.

For a right Judgment in all Things.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always ^{such} things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XLVII.)

O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XLVIII.)—INTERCESSION.

O GOD, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted

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or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings; and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(XLIX.)—LOVE.

For the Love of God and his Laws.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LI.)—MINISTERS.

For the Fitness of Ministers.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LII.)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and so guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those, who are ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may

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the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(XLV.)—ILLUMINATION.

For a right Judgment in all Things.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XLVI)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always ^{such} things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XLVII.)

O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XLVIII.)—INTERCESSION.

O GOD, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted
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or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings; and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(XLIX.)—LOVE.

For the Love of God and his Laws.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the fundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LI.)—MINISTERS.

For the Fitness of Ministers.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LII.)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and so guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those, who are ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may

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set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LIII.)

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church; give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LIV.)

That they may be diligent.

O Almighty God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to thy Apostle, Saint Peter, many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same; that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(LV.)

That their Labours may be successful.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that, at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(LVI.)—MORTIFICATION.

ALMIGHTY God, who madeest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LVII.)

Grant O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying

ing our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him ; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LVIII.)

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights ; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

(LIX.)—NEW YEAR.

For New Year's-Day, or a Birth-Day.

O GOD, giver and preserver of all life ; by whose power I was created, and by whose providence I was sustained, look down upon me with tenderness and mercy ; grant that I may not have been created to be finally destroyed ; that I may not be preserved to add wickedness to wickedness. O Lord, let me not sink into total depravity. Look down upon me, and rescue me from the captivity of sin. Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast continued my life from year to year, grant that by longer life I may become less desirous of sinful pleasures, and more careful of eternal happiness. Let not my years be multiplied to increase my guilt ; but as my age advances, may I become more pure in my thoughts, more regular in my desires, and more obedient to thy laws. Forgive, O merciful Lord, whatever I have done contrary to thy laws. Give me such a sense of my wickedness, as may produce true contrition, and effectual repentance, so that when I shall be called into another state, I may be received among the number of true penitent sinners, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(LX.)—PERSECUTION.

For Support under Persecution for Religion.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed ; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors, by the example of thy first

martyr St. Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee; O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

(LXI.)

Against Persecution.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the Devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXII.)—PRAYERS.

For the Acceptance of our Prayers.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXIII.)—PREPARATION.

For Preparation for Death and Judgment.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, (in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility) that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

(LXIV.)

Teach us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and grant that neither the splendour of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of any thing that is good in us, may any way withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes;

altes; but that we may press forward towards the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith and patience, with humility and meekness, with mortification and self-denial, with charity and constant perseverance unto the end; that so, when we shall depart this life, we may sleep in the Lord and, at the general resurrection in the last day, may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce upon all those that truly love and fear thee. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(LXV.)—PRESERVATION.

For Preservation in Body and Soul.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(LXVI.)

Almighty God, who seeest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXVII.)—PROVIDENCE.

For the Protection of God's Providence.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXVIII.)

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant, that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXIX.)

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXX.)

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXI.)—PURITY.

For Purity of Heart and Love of God.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only begotten Son was presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXII.)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord.

(LXXIII.)—REGENERATION.

A Prayer for Regeneration.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son, to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy holy spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(LXXIV.)—SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

A Prayer to be used before receiving the Holy Sacrament.

O ALMIGHTY God and most merciful Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; and hast appointed the Holy Sacrament of his body and blood in remembrance of that his most precious death; and as the means of strengthening and refreshing the souls of thy faithful servants: prepare me, I beseech thee, by thy grace, for the due performance of this my bounden duty and service. Thou hast graciously promised, that *him*, who thus cometh unto thee, thou wilt, in no wise, cast out. Unto thee, O Lord, do I come, weary and heavy laden with the burden of my sins. Relying upon thy mercies which have been ever of old; and which thou hast shewn, in all ages, to the humble and contrite in heart, I present myself before thee at this time, in great humility, imploring thy fatherly goodness, to admit me an acceptable guest to thy table; that I may there taste and see how gracious the Lord is, and how wonderful in his doings towards the children of men. Forgive, I pray thee, the sins and errors of my past life; and fortify me with the aids and comforts of thy Holy Spirit against all temptations for the time to come; and enable me, O merciful God, now to receive this Holy Sacrament with a steadfast and lively faith in thee and in thy Son Jesus Christ; with an unfeigned repentance, and with fervent charity towards all my brethren of mankind; that so, I may obtain the full atonement, which has been made for sin, by the death and passion of thy dear Son: and that walking, henceforth, in thy fear and love, I may, hereafter, be found meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, through the merits and mediation of thy only Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

(LXXV.)

A Prayer to be used after receiving the Holy Sacrament.

O Lord God and heavenly Father, I thine unworthy servant, humbly desire to offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for all the mercies which thou hast, graciously, from time to time, vouchsafed to grant me; and particularly for the opportunity which thou hast this day afforded me, of partaking of that holy communion of the body and blood

blood of Christ, which thou hast ordained for a remembrance of his death, and for the spiritual nourishment and support of the souls of thy faithful people. Impressed with an awful conviction of my many and grievous transgressions, but far from being sensible, as I ought to be, of the greatness of those blessings which the performance of this duty called to my remembrance, I earnestly intreat thee, O merciful Father, to forgive the weakness and imperfection of this and all my other services. Do thou, O God, increase my faith, and warm and enliven my heart with a constant and grateful sense of thy goodness towards me and all mankind; but more especially of thine inestimable love, displayed in the redemption of the world by thy Son Jesus Christ. Enable me, I beseech thee, by the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, to fulfil the promises of obedience which I have now made to thee, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, I may, henceforth, live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; and grant, that, by the merits and death of thy Son, and through faith in his blood, I may obtain remission of my sins, and all other benefits of his passion; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, I may be found of him in righteousness, and rise to the life immortal, through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

(LXXVI.)—SAFETY.

For Safety in all worldly Changes.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXVII.)

Sickness.

A Prayer to be used in a Family during the Sickness of any of its Members.

O God, our hope and strength, and our sure refuge in the time of distress, who correctest every son whom thou lovest; accept our humble petitions in behalf of thy servant, our brother, now under the visitation of sickness. So accompany,

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we beseech thee, this chastisement with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that it may turn to his profit and to our edification, and may lead us all forward in the way of everlasting life. Preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church. May the sense of *his* weakness add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; and give him comfort and sure confidence in thee. Bless our endeavours to soothe *his* distress, and to administer such means of relief, as appear to be most proper and expedient for *his* situation. Restore him speedily to health and vigour, if it be thy good pleasure. But if in thine unsearchable wisdom thou seekest fit to prolong *his* affliction, or to make it the means of removing him from us; grant him, O Lord, patience under his trial, and at last a joyful entrance into thy heavenly kingdom. Teach us not to grieve in any case as men without hope, but suffer no instance of mortality to pass unheeded by us; that being convinced of the uncertainty of this transitory life, we may ever be prepared to receive all thy dispensations with patience and Christian fortitude, and to commit the keeping of ourselves and of our dearest friends unto thee as unto a faithful Creator. Grant this, O Father of mercies, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

(LXXVIII.)

Thanksgiving for a Family on the Recovery of one of its Members from Sickness.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, may it please thee graciously to accept the tribute of our praise and thanksgiving for thy great goodness in raising thy servant our *brother* from the bed of sickness, and restoring him to the capacity of performing the duties of *his* vocation. Preserve, O Lord, in *his* remembrance all the good resolutions and promises of amendment which he made in the hour of distress, and assist him by thy Holy Spirit to bring them to good effect. Bless us all with such improvement by this and other instances of the frailty of our earthly tabernacle, and of the uncertainty of our abode in it; that, whatever trials or afflictions thy all-wise providence may see fit to appoint for us, we may not only submit ourselves to them with patience and resignation, but embrace them with joyful confidence in thy fatherly goodness. Give us grace so to live the rest of our time in the flesh according to thy will that the trial of our faith may be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of thy

thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; that by thy mercy we may receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls; through his merits, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God world without end. Amen.

(LXXIX.)

Prayer for a Sick Person.

O Merciful Father, who chastenest and correctest me for my good, I acknowledge, with humility and deep contrition, the many neglects, and sins, and provocations, by which I have deserved much severer punishment than the sickness with which it hath now pleased thee to visit me. Give me, I beseech thee, the help of thy grace, that this conviction may produce its due effects upon my heart and conduct. Suffer me not, O Lord, to be tempted above what I am able to bear; but let thy strength be made perfect in my weakness; that whether thou shalt be pleased to restore me to my former health, or to appoint that this visitation shall terminate the time of my trial; thy grace may sanctify it to the furtherance of my everlasting salvation. Reward, O good Lord, all those whose kindness and assistance comfort me in my necessity; and if thou shalt bless their endeavours and the means used for my recovery, and prolong my continuance here; may it please thee so to remind me of my present purposes of amendment, that this thy fatherly admonition may not have been bestowed upon me in vain. Blessed be thy holy name that, notwithstanding the weakness of my body, thou hast been pleased to preserve to me the enjoyment of my understanding, with the desire and power of fleeing to thee for succour. Continue this great mercy, O God, to my last hour; but above all things suffer me not, for any afflictions in life, or pains of death, to fall from thee. I commend, O gracious Lord, all my brethren of mankind, my friends, relations, and benefactors, my enemies, if any enemies I have, my body and soul, and all my concerns to thy fatherly care and protection. Have pity and mercy upon me, O thou God of my salvation, through Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

(LXXX.)

Thanksgiving of a Person recovered from Sickness.

Almighty Lord, thou God of salvation, in whose hands are the issues of life and death; blessed be thy holy name for
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the great mercy bestowed upon me thy humble servant, whom thou hast vouchsafed to heal and to comfort, after that thou hadst visited me with sickness. For that fatherly chastisement, O merciful God, accept my humble praises, as much as for its happy termination. May this gracious and salutary warning make a deep and lasting impression on my heart, and most powerfully incline me to devote to thy service all the days which thy forbearance shall add to my life. Before I was troubled I went wrong, but henceforward, O Lord, give me grace to walk in the way of thy commandments; and suffer me not to return to those sins by which I have so often deserved thy wrath and indignation. Send thy blessing, O heavenly father, on all those, who by their advice, by their care, by their attendance, or by any other exertion of Christian charity and benevolence, have endeavoured to lessen or remove my sufferings, or to assist me in the right use of them. Grant that they may find help and comfort in the time of their necessity, and that having known affliction myself, I may learn sincerely to pity, and, as much as shall be in my power, to relieve the necessities and distresses of others. Most humbly and heartily do I beseech thee, that the contemplation and experience of the many changes and chances to which this mortal life is subject may wean my affections more and more from earthly things, and fix them on things above, where Christ sitteth on thy right hand. Grant that by looking unto Jesus, who by his resurrection hath overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, I may no longer be tormented by vain terrors, but with hopes full of immortality, may give diligence to make my calling and election sure: and in thy own good time through the grave and gate of death may an entrance be ministered unto me abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(LXXXI.)—SAINTS.

For the Imitation of Saints.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace, so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may
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come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXXII.)—SCRIPTURES.

Before reading the Scripture.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(LXXXIII.)

After reading the Scripture.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXXIV.)—SIN.

For Conversion from Sin.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXXV.)

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Pardon of Sin.

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

(LXXXVII.)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

(LXXXVIII.)—TEMPTATIONS.

For Deliverance from Temptations, and Support under them.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(LXXXIX.)

*Weather.**When the Weather is unseasonable.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who causest the grass to grow for the cattle and herb for the service of man; look down from heaven, we beseech thee, upon us thy people, and upon the land in which we dwell. Thou for our unthankfulness and abuse of thy mercies dost punish us with unseasonable weather, whereby we are in danger of losing the labour of our hands. But, O merciful Father, forgive us those sins for which thou art justly displeased, and so visit and renew the face of the earth, that the fields and pastures may rejoice and sing, and that we may securely reap the fruit of our labour and toil. And grant that we,
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who are partakers of thy goodness, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of the needy, and to our own comfort, through Jesus Christ Lord. Amen.

(XC.)—THANKSGIVING.

A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

(XCI.)—UNBELIEVERS.

A Prayer for Unbelievers.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted, and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

(XCII.)—WORKS.

For Faithfulness in good Works.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure

sure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XCIII.)

Lord, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(XCIV.)

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plentifully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plentifully rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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